

CLAIMS

1. An information recording medium comprising:
a reproduce-only area in which first record information is recorded
5 not to be unreproducible along with a reproduction operation; and
a number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area in which second record
information is recorded to be unreproducible along with a predetermined
number of times of reproduction operations,
the second record information being associated with the first record
10 information.
2. The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein
said information recording medium comprises only a plurality of
number-of-times-of-reproduction limit areas, and said reproduce-only area is
15 disposed between the plurality of number-of-times-of-reproduction limit
areas.
3. The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein
information which indicates association of the second record information and
20 the first record information is recorded in said reproduce-only area.
4. The information recording medium according to claim 1, wherein the
second record information includes content information which is reproduced
after reproduction of the first record information.
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5. An information reproducing apparatus for reproducing the first and

second record information recorded on the information recording medium according to claim 1,

said information reproducing apparatus comprising:

5 a reproducing device for reproducing the first and second record information;

a controlling device for controlling said reproducing device to reproduce the second record information associated with the first record information after reproduction of the first record information; and

10 a judging device for detecting whether or not there is the second record information recorded in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area and for judging whether or not reproduction of the first record information corresponding to the second record information is completed.

6. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
15 said judging device controls said reproducing device to displace laser for reproduction in a direction of crossing a record track in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit area, and detects whether or not there is the second record information, on the basis of a reproduction signal obtained from said reproducing device within a time length in which the laser
20 for reproduction is displaced.

7. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein
said judging device detects whether or not there is the second record information, on the basis of the number of the record tracks crossed when
25 said reproducing device is displaced.

8. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
said judging device controls said reproducing device to reproduce the second
record information in a predetermined order, and detects whether or not
there is the second record information, on the basis of a reproduction signal
5 obtained from said reproducing device.

9. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein
the predetermined order is descending order from a large address to a small
address.

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10. The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
said judging device detects whether or not there is the second record
information, in order of logically reproducing the first record information, if
judging whether or not the reproduction of the first record information is
15 completed.

11. An information reproducing method in an information reproducing
apparatus comprising: a reproducing device for reproducing the first and
second record information recorded on the information recording medium
20 according to claim 1,

said information reproducing method comprising:

a controlling process of controlling said reproducing device to
reproduce the second record information corresponding to the first record
information after reproduction of the first record information; and

25 a judging process of detecting whether or not there is the second
record information recorded in said number-of-times-of-reproduction limit

area and of judging whether or not the reproduction of the first record information corresponding to the second record information is completed.